

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 4, 2012

In attendance: Chair Dan Locke; for DSWM Phil Harris
Committee Members: Peter Blood, Dave Heller, Karin Tome, Bryan Malseed, Dawn Adams, Rich Terselic
Guest: Kevin Demosky

The meeting opened shortly after 6:30 PM.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved without change.

Dan read from legislation awaiting the Governor's signature that will authorize municipalities to require recycling in condos and apartments with over 10 units. Authority is included to permit fines of up to \$50 per infraction, with the money remaining with the municipality. Montgomery County already has such a law in place.

Department Update

Phil reported the following items:

1. The Board of Commissioners (BOCC) approved a 3-year pilot program involving the return of recycling bins to municipalities. \$100,000 has been allocated for distribution to participating municipalities. No tipping fees would be charged for the materials brought to Reichs Ford Road. The authority precludes the banning of materials brought to the sites from outside the municipalities.
2. A new curbside recycling mailer has been prepared and will soon be mailed.
3. The annual MRA report is being developed.
4. The Department will participate in a "Nature Fest" in Middletown as a part of its outreach program.
5. The next hazardous waste drop off day has been scheduled for May 19th at the Reichs Ford Road Fires Safety Training Facility.
6. NMWDA has renewed a contract for hauling trash to an out of state landfill. With renewal modifications Frederick County will be able to have its waste transported through this contract and a saving will result over what we are now paying.

In answer to a question, Dan indicated that the State is being tough with commercial food composting operations.

New Business

Peter reported that the litter survey went well and that he was submitting the

data from the most recent and previous surveys to a statistician friend in the hopes of answering the question of whether the results of the surveys can be considered as demonstrating an actual decrease in litter, versus simply being anecdotal.

What to do with the KAB proposal was discussed. The author, Harvey Alter was absent this evening. It was agreed that Dan and Harvey will seek a meeting with Blaine Young to go over the proposal as well as the discussion paper developed by the SWAC.

The next meeting will be June 6. A discussion took place regarding whether the shift to the meeting once every two months format will be continued. Peter moved that this format be adopted and that the SWAC bylaws be revised to reflect this. The Solid Waste Management Plan will also have to be revised.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.